GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MISMANAGEMENT IN SUPER BAZAR
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry was conducted by the Central Registrar under section 69 of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 1984 into the financial irregularities and mismanagement of the Super Bazar in Delhi by certain top executives both in Board of Directors as well as Administration; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings of the inquiry made and the action taken against the persons responsible?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The inquiry was instituted by Central Registrar of CooperativeSocieties under Section 69 and 73 of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 1984 into the affairs of Super Bazar, Delhi.

(b) : Based on the findings of Inquiry Report, the Central Registrar ofCooperative Societies had issued Show Cause notice to the persons involved for recovery of loss. Thereafter, the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies by exercising hispower under section 73 (2) of MSCS Act has established that Shri S.S. Dhuri, the thenChairman of Super Bazar was responsible for the loss and ordered the recovery of the amount of Rs. 24,45,780.00 alongwith an interest @ 15% per annum w.e.f. January 1999 from him in accordance with the law. Apart from Shri Dhuri, Shri Surender Gandhi,the then Vice-Chairman and Shri R.P. Maheshwary, the then member of the Board of Directors were also held responsible for causing loss alongwith the ex-ChairmanShri S.S. Dhuri.They have been jointly and severally held responsible to make good the loss of Rs. 24,45,780.00 along with the interest @ 15% p.a. with effect from January, 1999. The Central Registrar has directed the Super Bazar to initiaterecovery proceedings against the alleged persons in accordance with law.

i) The National Commission will exercise administrative control and closely monitor the functioning of the State Commissions.

ii) The State Commissions will make all efforts to ensure that the District Forums function more effectively.

iii) State Governments will take all suitable steps to fill up the vacancies in State Commission and District Forums.

iv) The Consumer Fora would try to ensure that, as far as possible, the cases shall not be adjourned ordinarily.

v) State Governments will release and utilize the funds provided by the CentralGovernment under One-Time Grant scheme to strengthen the infrastructure of the Consumer Courts.

vi) Central Government may provide additional grants for strengthening the infrastructure of the newly created District Forums.

vii) The Presidents of the State Commissions may be declared as Heads of the Departmentand Presidents of the District Forums may be declared as Heads of Office.

viii) The Presidents and Members of the State Commissions and District Forums mayfunction on a whole time basis and their salaries and allowances be increased.

ix) National Commission/State Commissions will draw up uniform procedure forprocessing of the complaints from the date of receipt till their final disposal.

x) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.P. Bagla, Member, National Commissionshall be constituted for assessing the staff requirements of National Commission, State Commissions and District Forums.

(b) to(d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.